

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 992

By Gillespie

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Officer Christopher L. VanArsdale and K9 Anthony of the Memphis Police Department for their lifesaving actions.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those exceptional law enforcement officials whose commitment to excellence and dedication to their communities are a credit to this State; and

WHEREAS, Officer Christopher L. VanArsdale of the Memphis Police Department and his K9 partner, Anthony, are among the most skilled and competent law enforcement officers that Tennessee has to offer; and

WHEREAS, called to assist a nearby jurisdiction, Officer VanArsdale and K9 Anthony responded to a request from the Bartlett Police Department involving a missing person on the night of October 22, 2021; and

WHEREAS, searching in the darkness in the dense woods and underbrush of Nesbitt Park, the Bartlett Police Department were about to suspend the search for the missing individual until daylight when Officer VanArsdale and K9 Anthony arrived; and

WHEREAS, a bloodhound, K9 Anthony soon picked up a scent and went down a path almost a mile into the woods where he crossed a wooden bridge, leading officers to discover a Gatorade bottle and cigarette pack and, upon further search, notice a body that had fallen approximately twenty feet down a ravine; and

WHEREAS, upon reaching the missing victim, the officers discovered that the woman was unconscious and, due to her condition, administered Narcan, after which she regained consciousness and was transported to St. Francis Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the training and tracking skills of Officer VanArsdale and K9 Anthony undoubtedly saved the life of the victim, who likely would not have survived her overdose and subsequent fall; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that we pause to honor this exceptional law enforcement officer and his K9 partner at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Officer Christopher L. VanArsdale of the Memphis Police Department and K9 Anthony for their lifesaving actions and their laudable service to this State and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.